



Home Health and Safety ***WINTER*** reminders



This winter and all year round, the **Fairfax County Health Department** works to ensure that you live in safe, sound and sanitary homes.

Here is some information that may save your life:

- Basement rooms used for sleeping must have windows/escape openings that open to the outside and are large enough for adults to get out (and low enough for children to reach) in case of a fire.
- Rooms used for sleeping must have two means of exit.
- Stairways must be clear of obstructions.
- Smoke detectors must be working.
- Furnaces must provide the main heat of the house, not space heaters.
- Landlords must provide heat and hot water.
- If you use space heaters, use them safely and in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.
- Be careful when using candles. Make sure candles are away from combustible materials and are on fire proof holders. Make sure they are out before you leave the house or go to bed.
- Use proper extension cords and do not place them under rugs.

If you are living in a house that is crowded or has bedrooms in the basement or you feel may be unsafe, call the Health Department's Community Health & Safety Section to arrange a health and safety inspection of your home. Call 703-246-2300 TTY 703-591-6435

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